The Daily Paper of the Submarine Branch

Do you know

# THIS LONDO

# Continuing "The Golden Age of Boxing," W. H. Millier tells of

# THE MOST POPULAR BOXER THAT EVER LO

A FIGHT

failed to devote several chapters to Bombardier Billy Wells would be grossly in-complete. It is doubtful whether any boxer—certainly no English boxer-has been so heatedly discussed, or been so much written about, as this once most popular and most perplexing personality of the

Took me years to find out some of the strange spots in London that even Londoners don't know anything about; and when you submariners come to town it may interest you if I indicate some of these "finds."

Let us begin with Whitehall. Above the old Admiralty you will see a weather vane, massive, heavy, and age-old. It was that vane at which the Lords of the Admiralty looked before they sent word to Nelson to sail for the naval action that climaxed in Trafalgar.

Across the street is the old Banqueting Hall of past kings.

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The peep-hole

Now move up to Trafalgar. On horseback or by car. On the receipt of that signal which is given them from Buckingham Palace when the King intends to the Park Corner. They have a special signal which is given them from Buckingham Palace when the King intends to the Park Corner police men and the would assuredly have had a server that the words that tell the words that tell the words that tell the was through this window that Charles I stepped to be behalded.

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If only they had left him alone he might have been a better champion, and he would assuredly have had a less perturbed mind in between fights. From the promoter's point of view it was all to the good. It is true to say that Wells never once failed to draw the crowd, even though they might have gone away from some previous fight of his saying that they had had enough of disappointment to last them a lifetime. They always came again. 



and you may not.

Throughout his ring career he tried his level best to do all that was expected of him, and the hever did a shady trick, nor did he engage in anything that was not strictly fair and above-board.

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He had his detractors, of course. What public figurehead has not? Old-time fighters

What was the reason? That were among the severest of his constitutes the whole story of critics. Many of these held this remarkable—shall I say?— that he lacked the fighting dual personality of the boxing instinct, others averred that he ring, which story I shall give was not compactly enough in some detail. You may built, and a few even went so then be able to discover the far as to say that he lacked reason for his many failures— courage. There they were woe-and you may not. courage. The fully wrong.

wrestling was permitted; thus to be a good wrestler, as well as a knuckle fighter, the stockily-built man was the right type. But in boxing at its best, which precludes wrestling, the tall man with a long reach, provided he knows how to use it, can usually beat a shorter, thicker-set rival.

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I have said that Wells was as honest as daylight. His frank open face revealed every thought. This was probably a handicap in the ring. He might have been better served with a little more subtlety. As it was, whenever he was hurt, he was unable to hide the fact. This gave rise to more outpouring from his critics. They said "he couldn't take it," and much more besides.

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#### A Headliner Overnight

Such myths die hard with the more gullible members of the British public, but are they to blame? The blame lies at the door of the "tripe" merchants; and of all the "tripe" that has been written of boxing no particular champion was subjected to more of it than Bombardier Billy Wells.

In the sense that he became

In the sense that he became a headliner almost overnight, and thus quickly began to take advantage of the big purse boom, Wells may be said to have been lucky in coming on the scene just at the time when people were willing to boost any white heavy-weight in order to find one capable of beating Jack Johnson.

ln another sense, it may be held that this was precisely his misfortune. Had he arrived at any other time he would have been compelled to have fought his way slowly and stubbornly before his name would have been given more than a casual mention. In this way he must surely have been more fitted to retain the championship, which could only have been gained by laborious struggling. That is, of course, proble-

That is, of course, problematical. The fact remains that he would have captured a large following in any event, because among all the labels tacked on to him at various times, the one carrying most truth was the title of the house True, Wells was a type apart that he would have captured from the old-time fighter, who large following in any every was generally of stocky build, but for a boxer, as distinct from the fighter, he was superbly built. Remember, under the old Prize Ring rules matical. The fact remainstrate in that he would have captured that he would hav

# SHE'S GOING PLACES

# Valerie Tandy's on the Films



prettiest and most talented predicament.

VALERIE TANDY, one of the mans until they explained their



#### By "CALL BOY"

# They may not look it but they're " TRUSTY "



## Periscope Page

- 1. What is a pettichaps? Who wrote (a) "Liry," (b) "Little Women
- 3. Which of the following is in "intruder," and why: Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, ndia, America?
- What is a grand slam?
- Where is Bethesda?
- What is a Timcreer? What is meant by (a) ne, (b) supine?
- 8. What is Gromwell?
- 9. Who was Father Brown?
- 10. A goniometer measures—gas, electricity, areas, angles, spirals, the diameter of hairs,
- 11. When did the Penny Post begin?
  - 12. What is a picaroon?

### Answers to Quiz in No. 116

- 1. A fish of the salmon family 2. (a) John Bunyan, (b) Robert Burns.
- 3. A hansom has only two wheels; the others have four.
  4. Greek hero at Troy, famous for his wisdom.
  - 5. Warwickshire.
- A pilgrim from the Holy
- Land.
  7. Full of wrinkles.
- From the bark of a laurel grown in Ceylon. 9. Hero of a novel by Tobias Smollett.
  - 10. A geological age. 11. A.D. 61.
- 12. Ale, warmed and spiced.

#### ALLIED PORTS

Guess the name of this ALLIED PORT from the following clues to its intters.

My first is in SKIPPER, not in

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My second's in AIR FORCE, not in BLUE,
My third is in SQUADRON, not in SECTION,
My fourth is in MUSTER and INSPECTION,
My fifth is in HOIST, and not in HEAVE,
My sixth is in FLASH but not

sixth is in FLASH, but not a SLEEVE.

in SLEEVE,
My seventh's in ARSENAL, not
MUNITIONS,
My eighth is in NUMBERS, not
EDITIONS,

My ninth is in SHOVEL, and also POKER,

tenth's not in FIREMAN, it in STOKER. (Answer on Page 3)

# HE INVENTS A LANGUAGE

HAVING Psalmanazar completely under control, Innessone afternoon sent a message to him that his baptism was fixed for 6 o'clock.

At the chapel, to witness the ceremony, were Brigadier Lauder and several officers and gentlemen. Psalmanazar described himself as greatly troubled by conscience, but consoled by the thought that it was only a "heretic" who was baptising him! The Brigadier stood godfather to him, gave him his own name, George Lauder, and when the ceremony was over, presented him with a pistole.

Innes was thus sure of his convert; but he wanted something out of the affair for himself, and until he heard from Compton became cold and indifferent towards him. At length the Bishop's letter came, commending Innes and inviting Psalmanazar over to England.

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It would seem that Innes must have written twice, for he now talked of a scheme to send Psalmanazar to Oxford to teach "Formosan" to a set of gentlemen, who would later go with him to the island to convert the

For eighteen months, ending in May, 1936, London was the victim of an even more ambitious hoax. A nonexistent State of Astoria had its Legation in the West End, maintaining its Minister, Naval, Military, Air and Commercial Attaches. At the Legation dinner parties the Attaches appeared in gorgeous uniforms, wearing bogus medals, and the Minister sometimes conferred

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1703 when the way was opened for Psalmanazar's inopened for Psalmanazar's introduction to England, his home for the remaining sixty years of his life. In the company of Innes he travelled to Rotterdam, where he was introduced into polite and learned society. He says that he was much caressed.

#### SUSPICIONS.

There were, however, two flies in his ointment. Some of his questioners about Formosa were evdiently suspicious of his tales; and all he had to wear was some cast-off clothes of his chaplain friend, which were too big for him! A course which he adouted to meet the The Bishop must therefore have heard from Innes since Psalmanazar's change from strange. He calls it himself

decorations on distinguished guests. Invitations were issued in a fake Astorian language, heavily sealed, and many prominent people were completely deceived. IN 1833, Sir John Herschel went to the Cape of Good Hope with the biggest telescope them in existence, and in 1835 the "New York Sun" published a series of articles alleged to have been copied from a scientific report of Herschel's observations. They described magnificent scenery on the moon, with bison roaming over the plains and angels sailing gracefully through the lunar "air." The articles completely deceived the entire U.S.A.

In 1809, Theodore Hook brought off a tremendous hoax in Berners Street, London. Selecting No. 54, a quiet and respectable dwelling, he sent orders to hundreds of tradesmen to deliver goods at the door on the same day and at the same time. He ordered coffins, wedding cakes, coal, sacks of potatoes, books, pictures, vegetables, joints and groceries. He also issued invitations to a number of celebrities, and on the appointed day the entire quarter of London was Jammed with vehicles. Pantechnicons, wagons, carriages, vans, and hansom-cabs completely blocked the streets. Among them were the Duke of York at the head of his crimson-liveried militia, the Lord Mayor and a chaplain (come to hear the "death-bed confessions of a common-councilman"), the Governor of the Bank, the Lord Chief Justice, and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

For the success of the scheme or, at least, of that part of it which concerned Psalmanazar's visit to Oxford—it was necessary, as Innes insisted, to get on with the invention of the Formosan language. This was Psalmanazar's business.

Innes, with the aid of his kinsman Lauder, secured the young man's discharge from the army; and he also got together for him a certificate of character from various officers and a minister of religion.

It was necessary, as Innes insisted, to get on with the invention of the formosans! Thanks to a strong constitution, he soon got used to this; and he took care to use a good deal of pepper and other spices, "while my vanity and the people's surprise at my diet served me for a relishing sauce."

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He says that, among the clergy and the laity, he quickly made a good many friends, but that he had a much greater number of opposers. He was hard put to it to avoid detection.

In spite of Innes' warning, he had not devoted much time to increasing his Formosan vocabulary. Fortunately for him, his questioners did not press him with regard to the language or written characters of his supposed country.

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His complexion was his first difficulty: for he was very fair, and not at all like a native of a tropical country. He explained this by the difference between those who are exposed to the sun and those who keep altogether at home, "in cool shades or apartments underground." As he let it be understood that he was the son of a man of considerable standing in Formosa—a king's son, the story later became—he was naturally one of the sheltered class.

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The efforts of the sceptical to detect his true nationality by his accent failed. Whether he spoke Latin, French or Italian, he says, his pronunciation was so blended, and not without design, that it had no resemblance to that of an European language.

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One of his critics, Dr. Richard Mead, the celebrated physician, of whom Johnson said that he "lived more in the broad sunshine of life than almost any man," made a singular mistake. He was positive that Psalmanazar was of either German or Dutch extraction.

Now the German tongues were those of which Psalmanazar knew less than of most, and his friends, he says, told Dr. Mead he might as well have affirmed him to be an Ethio-

Can you write this without lifting pen (or pencil) from paper ?

## **Psalmanazar** -King of Impostors!

Lordship were at Formosa and should say you were an Englishman, might not the Formosan as justly reply, 'You say you are an Englishman, but what proof can you give that you are not of any other country, for you look as like a Dutchman as any that ever traded to Formosa?''

His Lordship was silenced.

#### THOUGHT HIM GENUINE,

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Psalmanazar says that his friends, whom his plain dress and his diet, his avoidance of drink and women, the warmth of his religious feeling and his delight in the services of the Church, convinced of his sincerity, were angry at the suggestion that he was an impostor, and some even went so far as to challenge his accusers, by advertisements in the "Londom Gazette," to prove their aspersions.

Thanks to the exertions of Innes, he had been introduced to a large number of learned divines, and there can be no doubt that he did really, as he claims, make an impression by his powers of argument on religious matters. There is plenty of independent evidence that Psalmanazar had a remarkable ability for religious (Continued on Page 3)

1. Place the same two letters, in the same order, both before and after PI, to make a word.
2. Rearrange the letters of REAL CHAINS to make an

REAL CHAINS to make an English county.

3. Change BACK into CHAT, altering one letter at a time, and making a new word with each alteration.

Change in the same way: BALD into HAIR, DON'T into STOP, REAP into CORN.

4. How many four-letter and five-letter words can you make

five-letter words can you make from PLENITUDE?

### Answers to Wangling Words-No. 78

- 1. DEgrade.
  2. DONCASTER.
  3. STAGE, STARE, SPARE, SPARE, SPARS, SOAKS, BOARS, BOARD.
  DARK, PARK, PORK, CORK, COOK, ROOK, ROOM.
  PAGE, SAGE, SALE, SALT, MALT, MELT, MEAT, BEAT, BEAD, LEAF, LOCK, LOOK, COOK, COOS, COPS, TOPS, TOYS, BOYS BEYS, KEYS.
  4. Tine: Tier, Rite, Rive, View, Wire, Vine, Went, Rent, Tern, Veer, Wine, Tree, Ween, Newt, Vent, etc.
  Nerve, Inert, Inter, Trine, Evert, etc.

Tile reason why so few marriages are happy is because young ladies spend their time in making nets, not in making cages.

Jonathan Swift

(1667-1745)

Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned, Nor hell a fury like a woman

William Congreve (1670-1729)

#### CROSSWORD CORNER CLUES ACROSS



CLUES DOWN.

2 Little fish. 3 Parallel of equator 5 Forbearing. 6 Metal. 7 Bass. Domain. Trunk. 11 Practical one. 13 Fishing vessels, 15 17 Perplex. 20 Tough. 21 Shrub. 22 pusical efforts. 24 Lariat. 25 Out of sorts 27 Harvest, 30 Climbing plant

## TO-DAY'S PICTURE QUIZ



Now then, you Bird Fanciers! This is a Toucan, Hornbill, Pelican, or maybe it's a Maribou. How about it? Answer to Picture Quiz in No. 116: Flax.

He was a bold man that first ate an oyster. Jonathan Swift, (1667-1745)

JANE



I WOULD RESPECT YOU MORE IF YOU MADE EFFORTS TO BREAK OUT OF YOUR "DUNGEON"— AND PUT LOVE OF YOUR COUNTRY BEFORE YOUR FEELINGS FOR ME ....





AMBASSADOR THE COURT



#### Beelzebub Jones













## Belinda









## Popeye











## Ruggles









## Garth









#### THE KING

Continued from Page 2.

discussion, which won for him the regard of men of the highest character, both in his youth and in his later years.

Among those with whom Innes brought him in touch were some of the non-juring clergy, and in particular the celebrated Charles Leslie, "of whose writings, as well as instructive and facetious company," he says, "I was very fond."

He was much biased, he adds, by the conversation of these non-jurors to their principles, which also he found conformable to the school divinity he had learnt abroad. He was accused by some of his enemies of being a tool of the non-jurors. Others, however, looked on him as a disguised Jesuit; while the Roman Catholics suspected him of having been bribed by the Anglicans.

Altogether he was a puzzle to the public. Before he had been three months in London he was adjected to see three months in London he was "so cried up for a prodigy" that everyone desired to see him and converse with him. Not only the English, but the foreign papers, too, had paragraphs.

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# YOUR STAMP-ALBUM

THE war has caused a postage stamp boom. Sales of stamps for collectors have been increasing steadily, with the idea both of future sale at a profit and as a reasonably safe investment of money.

Says PETER DAVIS

Foreign firms are even paying money into London offices to buy stamps by cable

Some rare stamps have increased in value on the neutral European market by at least a third since the war.

A few once-valued issues have slumped, admittedly. The Indian stamps first franked for the Army of Occupation in Mesopotamia—which were once sold at £400 a set by a British officer in Bagdad, who bought up almost the entire stock of the issue—are now not worth £50.

#### WATCH FOR FORGERIES.

Issues of the last war, similarly, have declined a value, owing to the large number of forgeries in the market.

Many stamp brokers are refusing to handle issues from South or Central America. Some republics in that part of the world once discovered that by printing an issue of stamps, selling a few in the post offices for legality's sake, and disposing of the rest to collectors at fancy prices, a high profit could be reaped.

Liechtenstein stamps are now equally worth-less for the same reason. A principality that balances its budget year after year as a result of stamp issues is distrusted by philatelists.

If you happen to have an old stamp album at home, look through the collection carefully on your next leave. A dealer who, in 1926, bought 52 specimens of the Cape of Good Hope fourpenny marked "one penny" for about £2,000, is now selling them at regular intervals for £185 each.

Already he has made a vast profit on his original outlay—and he still has thirty to sell.

Many early British Colonial issues are booming. So are early American air mail stamps, particularly those with printers' errors.

If you have a 25 cent stamp showing an aeroplane in flight, and the machine is flying upside down, £1,000 might easily be obtained for the specimen.

The Mauritius 1847 has soared to dizzy peaks. A few months ago a collector bought one in a London auction room for £4,000, and promptly sold it to America for £6,000.

Two Nyasaland stamps, a fourpenny and a twopenny, dated 1907, but printed on paper with the wrong watermark, were sold in a sale-room recently for £225.

When they for

When they first entered this country a dealer sold them for 10s. each. At a later auction they realised £60. Now their value has increased by almost 400 per cent.

#### "F" FOR PENNY.

West Australian issues with the swan floating upside down have been sold for £400, but you may even make money out of a comparatively recent British issue.

In 1923 the "P" for penny was accidentally relplaced by an "F."

The issue was recalled before many had been sold, but no fewer than 150 of these misprinted "Fennies" have never passed through known hands.

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## Laugh with SID FIELDS

HAVE you heard about the two crazy painters working side by side on some scaffolding? One was using a blow-lamp and absent-mindedly let it play on the other's ear.

After a couple of minutes the burned one said excitedly, "Blimey, someone isn't half talking about me."

NOTICE exhibited at an hotel:—
"The management reserve the right to refuse admission to any lady they think proper."

## LET'S HAVE A LINE

on what you think of 'Good Morning' with your ideas.

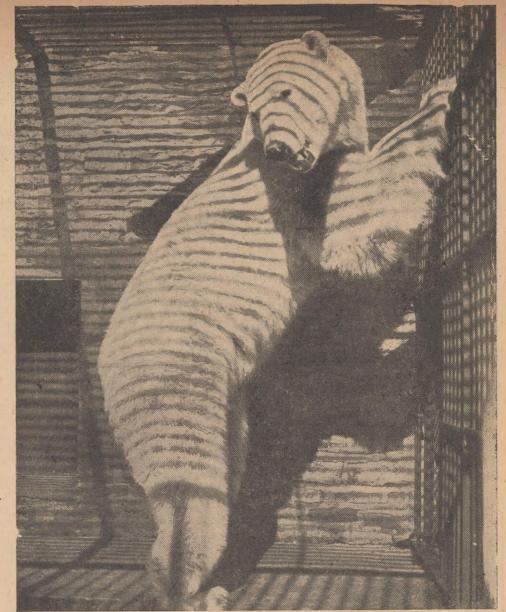
Address top of Page 4.

"Good Morning," C/o Press Division, Admiralty, London, S.W.I.



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"You ain't no zebbra. Readin' between the lines, anyone can see you're a bear-faced impostor "



## "TAKE MY ARM SUBMARINER

and let's go places," says Gene Tierney, star of 20th Century Fox.



This England

A beautiful example of thatched - roofed and timbered cottages in Berkshire. Could anything look more homely and typical of the English countryside?

"Are you wanting any cabin-boys or Admirals in your submarine?"

SHIP'S CAT SIGNS OFP

